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SECOND ENERGY SUPPLY AND DELIVERY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING TO BE HELD IN TALLAHASSEE

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Energy Commission’s Advisory Group on Energy Supply and Delivery will hold its second meeting on May 24 from 10 a.m. until completion in Room 117 of the Knott Building located at 100 W. St. Augustine Rd. in Tallahassee.

Meeting presenters include Sarah Rogers, president and chief executive officer of the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council; Brad Williams, principal of the Floridian Natural Gas Storage Project; and Jerry Paul, energy consultant for Capitol Energy.

Since its first meeting, one of the group’s first decisions was to change its name from the “Generation and Transmission Advisory Group” to the “Energy Supply and Delivery Advisory Group.”

“The new name simplifies and better identifies the primary aspect of the advisory group’s scope,” said J. Sam Bell, chairman of the Energy Supply and Delivery Advisory Group.

“The new name is a better fit with the broad nature of this group’s responsibility, and also makes it easier for members of the public to understand the main focus of that responsibility.”

The Advisory Group is using the Delphi Method, a method for obtaining forecasts from a panel of independent experts over two or more rounds of questionnaires, to arrive at its findings. At this meeting, group members will review the first two rounds of Delphi questions and panel members’ responses to determine what the next step toward making recommendations to the Florida Energy Commission should be. Once the Delphi process is completed, the group’s findings will be considered by the full Commission for inclusion

in its recommendations to the Legislature, due Dec. 31. These recommendations will then be poised to become Florida's energy policy.

"Our advisory group members have worked diligently to provide thoughtful, insightful answers to the first and second rounds of Delphi questions," Bell said. "I'm very proud of this group of people – they are putting a lot of time and effort to give the state of Florida more reliable, efficient access to energy in all circumstances."

A designated period for public testimony is on the agenda – public participation is encouraged.

About the Energy Supply and Delivery Advisory Group

The Energy Supply and Delivery Advisory Group, one of four subgroups the FEC created at its inaugural Feb. 9 meeting, exists to explore the generation, delivery and supply of electricity in Florida while preserving natural resources and accommodating growth management. Its members' areas of expertise include electric generation and transmission, alternative generation, conventional and transportation fuels, natural gas, regulation, the environment and consumer advocacy.

About the Florida Energy Commission

The Florida Energy Commission is a nine-member panel jointly appointed by the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives. It is charged with recommending to the Florida Legislature the best ways to secure Florida's energy future using the guiding principles of reliability, efficiency, affordability and diversity.

The Commission's immediate focus is on renewable energy sources, climate change, conservation, efficiency and generation and transmission to address Florida's long-term energy needs and goals. But a long-term goal is to take a look at all aspects of the many energy options available to Floridians.

By Dec. 31, the FEC will develop a report that will document its progress, and make the first of a series of annual recommendations designed to help guide the Florida Legislature in choosing the best practices and options for Florida's energy future.

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